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FEE TRANSMITTAL For FY 2005		Application Number	09/930,079
		Filing Date	August 15, 2001
		First Named Inventor	Gary L. Mengeu
		Examiner Name	Niki Marina Eloshway
		Art Unit	3727
<input type="checkbox"/> Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27		Attorney Docket No.	035373-00104
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	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)	
Utility	300	150	500	250	200	100	
Design	200	100	100	50	130	65	
Plant	200	100	300	150	160	80	
Reissue	300	150	500	250	600	300	
Provisional	200	100	0	0	0	0	

2. EXCESS CLAIM FEES

Fee Description	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)
Each claim over 20 (including Reissues)	50	25
Each independent claim over 3 (including Reissues)	200	100
Multiple dependent claims	360	180

Total Claims _____ **Extra Claims** _____ **Fee (\$)** _____ **Fee Paid (\$)** _____

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Group Art Unit: 3727) A PACKAGE INCLUDING A
) CONTAINER WITH A WIDE-MOUTH
In re Application of:) SPOUT AND ENCLOSURE SEALING
GARY L. MENGEU) THE SPOUT
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Application Serial No. 09/930,079) Attorney Docket No. 035373-00104
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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

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In response to the Office Action mailed on April 8, 2005, Applicant submits the following remarks.